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Application No.: 09/615,978

Group Art Unit: 3761

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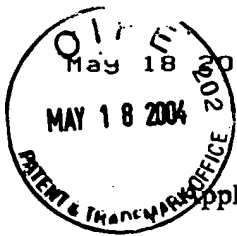
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Enclosed are new Declarations from the inventors specifically referencing U.S.
Application 60/144,345, filed July 16, 1999, to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 for the
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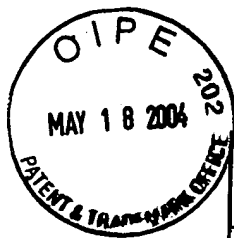
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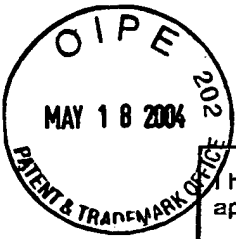
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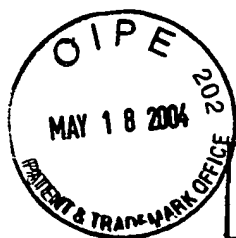
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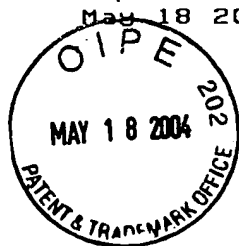
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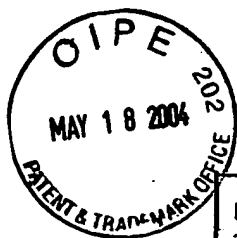
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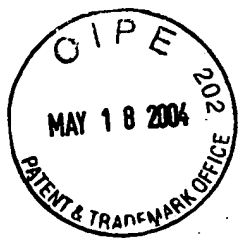
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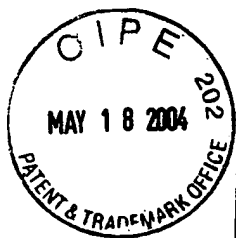
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